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Clayton County Solicitor-General's Office to Undergo Implicit Bias TRAINING

Implicit Bias Training for Solicitor's Office

(Jonesboro, GA- August 2020) The Clayton County Solicitor General's Office, Solicitor-General Charles Brooks is collaborating with T.E.A.C.H. U.S. to provide employees with implicit bias, ethics, diversity, and cultural awareness training to enhance the Office's effectiveness in serving the citizens of Clayton County. The training will also cover topics such as understanding people's responses to law enforcement and racial trauma in the justice system.

When asked, what is the goal? Solicitor-General Brooks responded, "It is important that elected leaders in the criminal justice system are in tune with the concerns of the community and proactive about restoring and maintaining public trust and confidence that justice will be served fairly and with integrity in all cases. This is a part of our efforts to ensure that the citizens of Clayton County know that we are here to serve all parts of our community."

T.E.A.C.H. U.S. is an educational enterprise that endeavors to Teach Ethics and Cultural History to Urban Stakeholders. Part of its mission (J.U.S.T.I.C.E) is to advance holistic perspectives on Justice, Unity, Service, Training, Innovation, Careers and Education while providing community stakeholders with tools to resolve societal challenges through peaceful activism, planning, policy and perseverance.

Since its inception, the organization has conducted community seminars, lectures, movie screenings and numerous historic tours centered on social justice throughout the southeastern United States. Law enforcement professionals, attorneys, social workers, educators, business owners, college students, high school students and other community stakeholders have participated in these tours to places such as Montgomery, Alabama; Tuskegee, Alabama; Selma Alabama; Savannah, Georgia; Brunswick, Georgia; St. Augustine, Florida and Charleston, South Carolina.

T.E.A.C.H. U.S. was founded by Professor Joshua E. Byrd. As an outgrowth of his work with T.E.A.C.H. U.S., Professor Byrd has partnered with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) to spearhead a history project that will provide a detailed narrative of the agency's history. Joshua Byrd attended elementary, middle, and high school in Clayton County Public Schools, and is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran with more than 15 years of combined experience as a criminal justice professional. He is the program chair for the School of Criminal Justice at the American InterContinental University. He has published articles in legal and social science publications and holds a bachelor's degree from Georgia State University, master's degree from the University of Cincinnati and a juris doctor degree from North Carolina Central University School of Law. --

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